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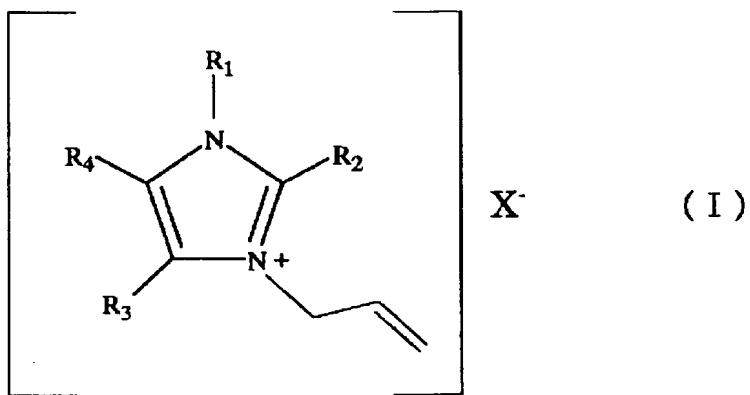
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[Claims in Written Amendment]

[1] (Amended) An imidazolium compound represented by Formula (I) below:



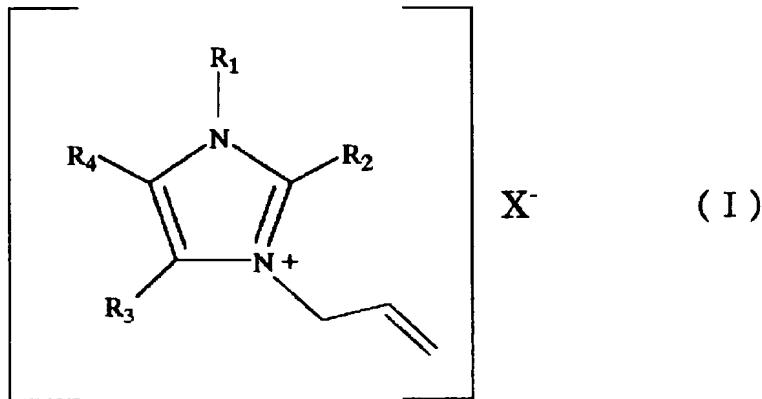
in which,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  independently denote a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or an optionally substituted aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and  $X^-$  is  $Cl^-$ ,  $Br^-$ ,  $I^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $CF_3SO_3^-$ , or  $(CF_3SO_2)_2N^-$ , with the proviso that when  $R_1$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 2 carbon atoms,  $X^-$  is  $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $CF_3SO_3^-$ , or  $(CF_3SO_2)_2N^-$ , and a case in which  $R_2$  to  $R_4$  are hydrogen atoms,  $R_1$  is an allyl group, and  $X^-$  is  $Br^-$  is excluded.

[2] The imidazolium compound according to Claim 1, wherein  $R_1$  is preferably an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms or an alkenyl group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

[3] The imidazolium compound according to either Claim 1 or

2, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an allyl group.

[4] A solvent comprising an imidazolium compound represented by Formula (I) below:



in which, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, and R<sub>4</sub> independently denote a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, an optionally substituted alkenyl group having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or an optionally substituted aryl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and X<sup>-</sup> is Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, or (CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>.

[5] An electrolyte material comprising the imidazolium compound according to Claim 4, wherein X<sup>-</sup> is BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, or (CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>.